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NRC Update Regulatory Programs and Activities in the Waste Arena

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Key Topics

- **Decommissioning**
- **LLW Disposal**
- **HLW Storage and Disposal**
- **Clearance of Solid Materials**
- **ISCORS**
- **Other Rulemakings**
- **Websites/Resources**



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Decommissioning

- **SDMP and Contaminated Sites**
- **Stewardship and Restricted Release**
- **Rulemakings**
 - Financial Assurance
 - Entombment
- **Lessons Learned**
- **Guidance**
- **Interagency Coordination**



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Regulatory Issue Summary Decommissioning Lessons Learned

- **Communications**
 - Key to success
- **Site Characterization**
 - Groundwater monitoring data
- **Decommissioning Cost Estimates**
- **Environmental Assessments**



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What Site is this?





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Acceptance Reviews Decommissioning Plans

- **Site characterization**
 - hydro-geological and radiological
- **Dose modeling**
- **Final radiation survey**
- **Cost estimates**
- **Institutional controls**
 - applicable only to restricted release



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Decommissioning Guidance

- **NUREG 1727, Standard Review Plan**
- **NUREG 1748, Environmental Review Guidance**
- **NUREG 1575 (Rev 1), MARSSIM**
- **NUREG 1576, MARLAP**
- **NUREG 1757, Consolidated Guidance**



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Consolidated Guidance Decommissioning Process

- **NUREG 1757**
 - **Volume 1 – Decommissioning Practices**
 - **Volume 2 – Site characterization, dose modeling, surveys**
 - **Partial Site Release**
 - **Volume 3 – Financial Assurance; recordkeeping**



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Interagency Coordination

- **EPA**
 - Decommissioning
 - NEPA
- **USACE**
 - FUSRAP

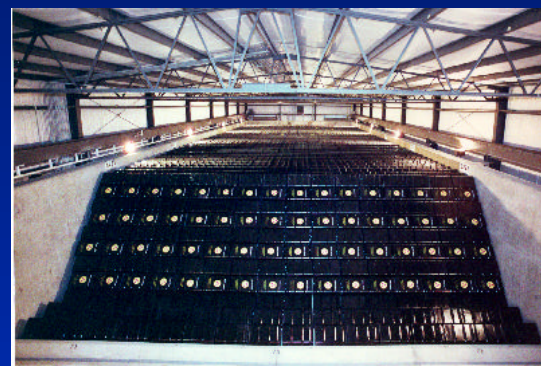


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West Valley Demonstration Project



First LLW rail shipment from WVDP in 2000



Drums of cemented LLW stored at WVDP in special shielded aboveground facility-
handling is fully remote



LLW in storage at WVDP



HLW underground storage tanks under
construction in 1960s



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LLW Disposal

- **GAO Report 1999 (RCED-99-238)**
 - LLW: States are Not Developing Disposal Facilities
- **Compact Sites and commercial disposal facilities**
- **Rulemaking and guidance development**
 - Assured Isolation
- **Greater Than Class C**



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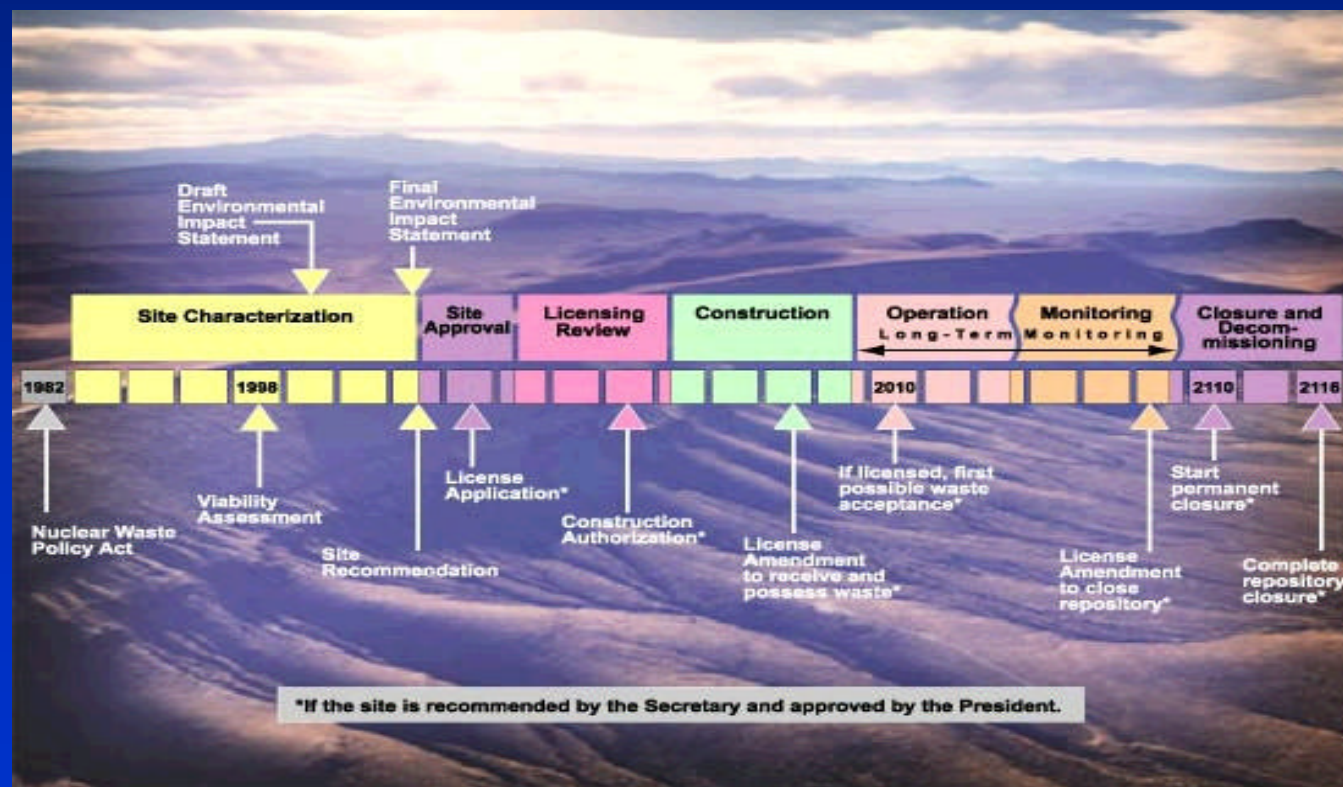
HLW Storage and Disposal

- **Rulemaking and guidance development**
 - Part 63
 - Part 963
 - Unlikely Events
- **HLW repository hearing schedule**



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HLW Storage and Disposal





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Control of Solid Materials

- **NRC efforts initiated in 1994**
- **Developed technical basis**
 - NUREG 1640
- **Summaries of public comments**
 - NUREG/CR-6682
- **NRC website and list server**
 - www.nrc.gov/materials/medical.html



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Status of Regulatory Efforts

- **Defer Rulemaking**
- **National Academies Study**
 - Assess technical bases, policies and precedents
 - Recommend approach for proceeding
 - Report provided March 2002
 - NAS website: www.nas.edu
- **Role of international clearance standards**



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NAS Recommendations

- **Develop broader range of alternatives**
- **Integrate decision-making with stakeholder process**
- **Adopt overarching policy statement on management and disposition of solids**
- **Employ a dose-based standard**
- **NUREG 1640: expand scope**
- **Continue review of international efforts**



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Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards

- **Objectives:**
 - Promote consistent standards
 - Identify interagency radiation protection issues
- **Annual Reports - NUREG 1707**
- **Subcommittees**
 - Clean-up
 - Mixed Waste
 - Recycle
 - Risk Harmonization
 - Sewage
 - NORM
 - Federal Guidance



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Other Rulemakings

- **NUREG 0936**
 - Part 40, Transfer of Source Material from Licensees to Exempt Persons
 - Part 71, Transportation
 - Part 35, Medical



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Websites/Resources

- **Websites**
 - www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections
 - www.iscors.org
- **Workshops**
 - Decommissioning August 2002
 - Inspection Guidance for Part 35, June 2002
- **Public Meetings**
 - ISCORS, July 2002
 - Decommissioning, September 2002



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